

### Illiterate Who Wanted To Become a Foreman

(Smithfield Herald)

Not long ago a young man of 26, well dressed and of fine appearance, walked into an evening class for illiterates in one of our South mill villages. He held a child's speller in his hand, open at the alphabet in the front of the book. The teacher was a young girl, one of the teachers in the village school.

He stopped at her desk and pointed to the letter in his book.

"I got as far as this letter, but I couldn't remember what it was, as that's as far as I went with my lesson."

"How does it happen," she asked, "that you have never learned to read?"

"Well, you see, I was brought up in the mill. I began running errands when I was six, and I've been working there ever since. I have never felt the need of an education. The other boys and girls couldn't read, nor my father and mother, and they got along all right. But now," and he threw back his shoulders, "I could be a foreman if I could read, and I mean to learn, too."

Fortunately this situation is no longer possible for boys and girls growing up in such localities today, but for these earlier victims of a past regime there is need of systematic and expert instruction, especially adapted to the adult pupil. Too long the work has been left to philanthropic women who struggle to "carry on" without funds or equipment. The States should step in and give a chance to every illiterate within its borders to become a useful and efficient citizen in every sense of the word.

### The Ideal Home

The ideal home is the one in which the inmates think more of the duties than of their rights, and recognize that they are responsible for each other's happiness. To be admitted to such a hearth, warmed by the crimson flame of charity and household affection, bright with the sparkle of gaily and rarer flash of wit, illumined by the flow of thought and clear light of sincerity, beautiful with courtesy, forbearance and refinement, its atmosphere vital with the oxygen of moral purity and open to currents of fresh ideas, and securely built upon the righteous as it is in Christ Jesus in happiness and rest. Whether rich or poor, with many or few inmates or only one, any hearth may breathe this home spirit, while to come home to some body in such a haven is the best and most lasting of earthly joys.—Selected.

### Judging by Appearances

A good many years ago there was a certain able judge in Illinois whose appearance was less impressive than his learning. He was extremely cross-eyed, and his hair was a bright and unruly red. The judge was not at all sensitive and enjoyed repeating jokes that were at his own expense. His favorite story was this:

He had been out on a duck-hunting trip among the marshes south of Chicago, and his rough shooting costume did not add dignity to his appearance. Toward the end of the afternoon he was trudging along the road on his way home, hot and tired.

A wagon driven by a lightning-rod agent—a more common vehicle in those days than now—came along, and the judge asked the man if he would give him a lift.

The agent looked the hunter over rather suspiciously. He was evidently not enthusiastic. At last he said, "Yes, if you'll climb on behind there, you can ride on the ladder."

So the judge climbed on, and they vaulted along in silence for several miles. They came then to a watering trough, and as the lightning-rod agent was watering his horse a man drove up who knew the judge well. He called him by name and asked what luck he had had with his gun.

The lightning-rod agent listened to the conversation with interest. When he got back on the seat he said, "Did that fellow call you 'Judge'?"

"Yes."

"What are you judge of—horse-flesh?"

"No, I'm a judge of a law court."

"What kind of a court?"

"A district court."

"Back East it takes some considerable man to be a judge. How big is your circuit?"

"Oh, it reaches from the Wisconsin line to Peoria."

The man said only one thing more while the judge rode with him. That remark followed a few moments' reflection and a couple of loud cracks with his long rawhide whip. He said:

"I believe I'll settle down here in this part of the country myself and get made a judge!"—Youths' Companion.

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### CENTRAL M. E. CHURCH

SUNDAY, DEC. 31st, 1922.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Preaching morning and evening by Pastor.

Today is your last opportunity to go to church this year. You don't want to spoil a good record by failing to go. If you have had a poor record, attendance today will improve it. At any rate it will close the year right.

### The Franklin Buttonholes

(From the Youth's Companion.)

A recent candidate for Congress—Mrs. Ellen Duane Davis of Philadelphia—is the great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin. During her childhood she spent eight years with her grandmother, who had been named for Franklin's wife Deborah and who was the child of his daughter Sally.

"She used to study her lessons alongside of his bed after his return from France," says Mrs. Davis, who had listened to the when-I-was-a-little-girl reminiscences of the old lady many times. "She was not born when he went. When he got back he was a really broken-down man, and he stayed in his bed a good deal. My grandmother had a chair placed by his request alongside of his bed, and there she used to learn her lessons. He would turn to her and say, 'Debbie, have you learned that line of spelling?' And she would say, 'No, grandpa, not yet.' She would study a little more and then would say, 'Grandpa, I am ready.' If she recited properly, he would give a teaspoonful of currant jelly. He always kept a glass of currant jelly alongside his bed."

"Long before that, when her mother, Sally Franklin, was a little girl and was sitting sewing, her father asked, 'Sally, what are you trying to do?' Sally said, 'I am trying to make a buttonhole.' He said, 'Don't you know how to make buttonholes?' She replied, 'No, I do not.' He did not say another word, but the next day he came in and said, 'Sally, I have made arrangements with my tailor that you shall go to him and learn to make buttonholes.'"

Mrs. Davis was able to add, with justifiable satisfaction: "The buttonholes that Sally Franklin made have descended to generations younger than we. We all make Franklin buttonholes, and they are regular tailor-made buttonholes, of which we are very proud."

### New Items from Indian Trail

Indian Trail, E. F. D. 1, Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Roman of Durham and Mr. Howard Furr of Monroe were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Furr, Christmas day.

Mr. J. M. Knight, of Nashville, Tenn., spent last week with friends. Mr. Carl Price of Unionville, N. C., was the guest of friends here during the holidays.

Mr. G. W. Rowell accidentally cut his foot one day last week when the axe with which he was cutting glanced and cut entirely through his shoe. Mrs. G. W. Rowell was badly bruised when a horse ran over her.

Miss Lois Foard, a student at the Southern Industrial School at Charlotte, is confined to the home of her parents, Esq. and Mrs. J. C. Foard with the influenza.

The Monroe graded schools will open Tuesday January 2, according to announcement by Prof. S. G. Hawfield superintendent.

Mr. Clinton Williams left Wednesday morning for Asheville where he will enter a government hospital.

Mr. J. W. Windham and Miss Inez Clayton, both of Columbia, S. C., were married Tuesday afternoon by Dr. C. C. Weaver at his study in First Methodist church.

### Know North Carolina

(From the Commercial Appeal.)

The St. Louis Globe Democrat reminds some of the Western States that vault themselves much over good roads, that North Carolina has a pre-eminent record in good roads building.

The experts say that North Carolina is next to Pennsylvania in the quality of its highway system. North Carolina has a program involving an expenditure around \$90,000,000. It has more than 5,000 miles of hard roads.

Among the other records North Carolina has are these: Leads in the manufacture of tobacco. It consumes one fourth of the tobacco crop in the country. It has more cotton mills than any other state in the Union. In the number of employees and in output North Carolina leads all the other Southern states in cotton manufacturing. It has the largest pulp mill in the country and the biggest aluminum plant in the world.

North Carolina has large water power possibilities. Tennessee has greater water power possibilities. North Carolina has little coal or iron. Tennessee has both.

While the Globe Democrat calls North Carolina to the attention of Missouri, we might well call the same progress to the attention of the people of Tennessee.

North Carolina is homogeneous. Tennessee is divided into three parts. North Carolina has fierce politics, but after the men are elected to office they try to do something for their state.

The mental caliber of officeholders in North Carolina is higher than that of officeholders in Tennessee.

We might learn much from our neighboring state. A committee from the Tennessee Legislature this year might go over to North Carolina and study that state's record program and other things subject to legislation which are factors in the great advancement of the Tar Heel State.

### Proof Positive

"What's all this bunk about vitamins in food? I don't believe a word of it. My ancestors got along without such stuff."

"Yeh—but look at your ancestors. Dead all dead."

### Social Events

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Richardson entertained the following guests at a turkey dinner Thursday: Judge and Mrs. A. M. Stack, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Adams, Mrs. B. C. Ashcraft, Mrs. C. C. Bennett of Wadesboro and Mrs. W. L. Dixon of Charlotte.

Miss Kathleen Mangum, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Mangum, was hostess Wednesday evening to a number of her friends at her attractive new bungalow on Wadesboro ave., the occasion being her twelfth birthday. The house was beautifully decorated in ferns and Christmas decorations. After several games were enjoyed, refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and wafers, with fruit salad and cake were served. Dainty little Christmas baskets filled with delicious home made candy was given each little guest. Invited guests were the following: Rebecca Lee, Miriam Williams, Florella Carroll, Elizabeth Moore, Mary Copeland, Wilhemena Lindsay, Clara Rivers, Dorothy Griffin, Mary Frances Lemmond, Sarah Horton, Katherine Williams, Sarah Glenn, Margaret Thompson, Manelle Howie, Myrtle C. Fulenwider, Sarah Faulkner, Mary Kirk Love, Rachel Hudson, Grace Limerick, Billy Parks Smith, Fannie Garland, Margaret McCormick, Lillian Warren and Elizabeth Brewer and Willie C. Mangum from Wingate.

Miss Winnie Boyles delightfully entertained a few of her friends at her home on Haynes street Thursday evening, December 28th. After playing a few games a delicious salad course, followed by punch, cake and candy, was served. Those invited were: Misses Lottie Mae Adams, Lillian Sharp, Mary Browning, Evelyn Snyder, Charlie Cason, Margaret Shannon, Virginia Laney, Celeste Armfield, Mary Lyle Patton, Elizabeth Frances and Hilda Simpson, Connie and Lois Fowler, Tacoma Clary, Atha Redfern, Beatrice Crowell and Sarah Scholar of Charlotte; and Messrs. Emmett Griffin, Ed Roe Houston, Robert Williams, V. C. Austin, Joseph Stewart, Donald Taylor, Clara Laney, George Beasley, James Griffin, Hoyle Griffin, Steve Presson, William Austin, Horace Fowler, Sam Howie, Henry Simpson, Harry Williams and John Brewer.

Miss Louie Brown, teacher in the Waxhaw Schools, was married last night at eight o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fred Williams of Monroe, to Mr. Audie D. Blanton of Gaston county. Dr. W. R. Burrell officiated. Only a few friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Blanton are spending a few days in Monroe. They will make their home in Gaston county where Mr. Blanton is in the mercantile business.

### Hawfield Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hawfield gave a dinner yesterday to their eight children at the home in Vance township. All of the eight children, seven sons and one daughter, were present. They are: Preston Hawfield, superintendent of schools of Hoke county, S. C. Hawfield, Superintendent of the Monroe city schools. These were accompanied by their wives and children being the only two sons who are married. Dr. James Hawfield, practicing medicine in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Hampton Price of Monroe, Grady Hawfield, the only one yet at home with his parents; Robert Hawfield, lawyer of Monroe; Clayton Hawfield, a medical student at the University, and Frank Hawfield, a student at Elon. In addition there were six grandchildren, and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick of Wesley Chapel and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Redwine. It was a most happy occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hawfield have reared a group of fine children whose usefulness, standing and influence is a source of just pride, and the parents of such a group are to be congratulated.

Miss Virginia Blakeney was hostess to the following friends yesterday afternoon: Misses Mary Elizabeth Evans, Mildred Lee, Cornelia Dillon, Virginia Neal, Mary Elizabeth Faust, Janie Weaver, Janie Bell Glenn, Mary and Jean Lee. After a delightful hour spent in playing games, brooches, cake and nuts were served.

Miss Norwood Baker of Spartanburg, the charming guest of Mrs. George Pruitt, was honored at a delightful bridge party given last evening by Miss Claudia Sanders. Those playing were Misses Baker, Pat Ashcraft, Daisy Belk, Antoinette Brasley, Dorothy Lee, Wilma Green, Jocelyn Sikes; Messrs. Fitz Henry Dillon, Archie Fairley, Clayton Laney, Sikes Sanders, James Morrow; Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Wolfe, and Mrs. Pruitt. After the games chicken salad, wafers, sandwiches, pickles, coffee, and sherbert were served.

Miss Dorothy Dover of Shelby, the guest of Miss Hannah Blair, was guest of honor at an elaborate dinner party given by Mr. Rob Laney. The table was centered with a bowl of hyacinths and poinsettias and candles were placed at each end. Covers were laid for Misses Dover, Blair, Evelyn Smith, and Mary Deane Laney, Mrs. Frank Laney, Messrs. Robert and Allen Lee.

Miss Fannie Person Rudge is entertaining this afternoon complimentary to Miss Mildred Armstrong of Gastonia, the guest of Miss Ashe Lane.

Miss Gladys Presson entertained a number of young people Wednesday evening at her home on Haynes Street. Several games were played. Refreshments were served consisting of fruit salad, wafers, hot chocolate, fruit cake and punch. Those enjoying Miss Presson's hospitality were Misses Kathleen Adams, Margaret Barnes, of Atlanta Georgia, Mary Austin, Connie Fowler, Celeste Lockhart, Mary Browning, Ida Browning, of Enfield, N. C., Beatrice Burrell, Chattie Neal Cason, Lucille Watkins, Mary Hinson Watkins, Gladys Tucker, Louise Cox, Annie Lou Crenshaw, and Ethel Gulleger; and Messrs. Fred Benton, Hazel Davis, Alton Mason, Emmett Gulleger, Homer Fowler, George Tucker, James Griffin, Henry

Griffin, Charles Deese, Henry Ellis Copple, Robert Williams, and Frank Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Redwine, Jr., Miss Dorothy Lee, and Messrs. Worth Redwine and Ogburn Yates motored to Wadesboro Christmas day to attend the dance given by the Wadesboro Country Club. While in Wadesboro they were the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cox. Miss Effie Wall Cox returned to Monroe with the party as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Redwine.

### Marriage of Mr. McNeely and Miss Jordan

Beautifully engraved cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Margaret Ivel Jordan of Hamlet to Mr. James Ward McNeely of Monroe, which took place at Hamlet on Christmas day. The bride is one of the popular young women of Hamlet and is a daughter of Mrs. Vannah Hunsucker. The groom is a Monroe boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McNeely. Mr. and Mrs. McNeely are now on their bridal trip in Florida. They will come to Monroe for a visit to the parents of the bridegroom Sunday. Afterwards they will be at home at the New Central Hotel, Hamlet.

Miss Sarah Ashcraft was a charming hostess to a number of young friends at a rook party yesterday morning and at a bridge party in the afternoon. A salad course was served. Those present in the morning were: Misses Louise Anderson, Virginia Laney, Hilda Morgan, Frances and Elizabeth Simpson, Evelyn Lockhart, Johnnie Belk, Evelyn Snyder, Mary Lyle Patton, Beatrice Crowell, Tacoma Clary, Mary and Jean Lee, Virginia Blakeney, Virginia Neal, Isabel Heath, and Mary Wylie Stewart. Those enjoying Miss Ashcraft's hospitality in the afternoon were: Misses Celeste Armfield, Ella Howard Hudson, Katherine Redfern, Katherine English, Margaret Dixon Sikes, Pat Hood, Chattie Cason, Lillian Tharp, Ashe Lane, and guest, Mildred Armstrong of Gastonia, Sarah Hudson, Margaret Helms, Martha Adams, Clara Anderson and guest, Lorraine Sales of Atlanta, Mary Lee, and Margaret Shannon.

### The South's Supremacy.

(From the Gastonia Gazette.)

The supremacy of the South in textiles is not due to the fact that the cotton mills are located in the cotton fields, which is popularly supposed to be an advantage. Northern mills get their cotton about as cheap as Southern mills, as David Clark points out in the Southern Textile Bulletin. By reason of low water rates, New England mills get cotton at fair prices. The real reason for the supremacy of the Southern mills is in its employees.

The greatest asset of the Southern cotton mills is the character of their employed helpers, all of whom are pure-blooded Anglo-Saxons, speaking the English language and with none of the bolshevik traits of the foreign-born operatives of New England.

The climate of the South requires less fuel for heating of the homes and less expensive clothing, and the soil permitting the operatives to raise their own vegetables, the cost of living is much less than that of the New England operatives.

The Southern operatives live in the mill village at a rent of 25 cents per room per week, often including lights and water, while the New England operatives usually live in houses rented from individuals and pay several times that amount in addition to the expenses of lights and water and often street car fare to and from the mills.

Is it any wonder that the Southern operatives can live better on less wages and are content to live in the mill communities whereas the New England operatives are continually leaving the mills for other kinds of work?

Fall River, even today, is manufacturing print cloths on plain looms and trying to compete with the automatic looms of the South and always the Southern mills have been quicker to adopt improvements and labor-saving devices.

The cotton manufacturing industry of New England is not going out of business but will specialize more and more while the South expands in cotton manufacturing along ordinary lines and also advances in the manufacture of fine goods.

The great market for cotton mill machinery and supplies will be in the South.

### We've Been It

"Hey, Pop, what's the ul-ti-mate con-sum-er?"

"Oh, the last one—the last one to eat. Why?"

"Well, May says I'm that Sunday, when company comes."

### SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULES, MONROE, N. C.  
Change of Schedules, Sunday, Dec. 31st, 1922.

No. TRAINS ARRIVE FROM	
14—Charlotte	5:00 a. m.
12—Atlanta	5:50 a. m.
5—Washington	9:10 a. m.
19—Wilmington	10:40 a. m.
34—Rutherfordton	10:40 a. m.
51—Wilmington	2:40 p. m.
20—Charlotte	5:35 p. m.
30—Atlanta	5:40 p. m.
6—Atlanta	8:35 p. m.
16—Rutherfordton	8:20 p. m.
13—Wilmington	10:10 p. m.
11—Portsmouth	10:50 p. m.
TRAINS LEAVE FOR	
14—Wilmington	5:05 a. m.
12—Portsmouth	5:55 a. m.
15—Rutherfordton	7:45 a. m.
5—Atlanta	9:15 a. m.
19—Charlotte	10:45 a. m.
29—Atlanta	10:50 a. m.
34—Wilmington	10:55 a. m.
31—Rutherfordton	2:40 p. m.
50—Wilmington	5:50 p. m.
6—Washington	8:40 p. m.
13—Charlotte	10:20 p. m.
11—Atlanta	10:55 p. m.
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